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**Howard Keegan, Team Leader PRT Ta'mim (Kirkuk)**

Texas native Howard Keegan's twenty-five year career with the U.S. Government began in 1980. After first serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, he joined the U.S. Department of State. Prior to assuming his current position as Team Leader for the 45-person Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Kirkuk, Iraq, he was the Senior Information Management Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France. His other overseas postings include Cuba, Belize, the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, El Salvador, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia. He has also worked in Washington as the Department of States' Chief of the Foreign Posts Telephone Branch and as the Program Manager for the world-wide telephone system replacement contracts. Mr. Keegan is well-suited for the responsibilities of leading a PRT. Beyond his extensive government experience, he has worked in the private sector in infrastructure development, including electrical distribution, waste water and fresh water delivery systems, and gas pipeline delivery systems. He attended Southwestern Union College. His wife also works with the Department of State and is currently stationed in Paris, France. They have three children.

*Pitch: the Provincial Reconstruction Team program in Iraq is the civilian component to the military surge the POTUS announced with his New Way Forward. Howard Keegan is a career State Department officer who has successfully led one of these joint civil military teams in Kirkuk Province north of Baghdad. Not only has Howard's team helped the Kirkuk provincial leadership develop a Major Crimes Court, it has been instrumental in helping the province develop an orderly public works project approval system and a comprehensive waste management plan. Mr. Keegan's team is partnered with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of Multi-National Division North.*